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- On 23 February 1951 the route of a sixteen-wire telephone line suspended from the cross arms was traced between Berlin and Tasdorf (N 53/V 04) from National Highway No 1. * The line leaves the city area about 100 meters south of the highway, crosses the highway about 3 km further on, and continues north of the highway at distances ranging from 30 to 300 meters. Just east of Tasdorf the line again crosses National Highway No 1. At this point a Soviet communication detail of six men equipped with climbers was working on the line. Tapings were not observed. A beaten track was noticed under the line. Some soldiers were quartered at a farm at Vogelsdorf (N 53/V 05).
- 25X1X In late March the route of the same sixteen-wire telephone line was traced by second- [REDACTED] The line ran east from the Berlin city area about 150 meters south of National Highway No 1. Two masts on Chemnitzer Strasse (connecting line L-C to line C-D by underground cable) were fitted with cable heads for distribution poles. Two houses on the west side of Chemnitzer Strasse quartered Soviet soldiers. No guards were observed along the route.
- From 4 to 6 February the route of an open wire telephone line was followed from Berlin-Karlshorst to Berneuchen. The line originated in Berlin-Karlshorst at the terminal of an underground cable in the garden plot area east of Andernacher Strasse. Observations showed several Soviet control points set up close to the highway. Between Seefeld and Berneuchen the line, which had been suspended from special supports and which at this point consisted of four wires only, joined an open wire telephone line running parallel to the railroad line. Guards patrolled the line between Berlin and Berneuchen.
- On 7 April the route of an open wire telephone line running from Berlin to Berneuchen was traced between Eiche (N 53/V 95) and Seefeld (N 53/V 06). Fifteen signal soldiers were observed at the line control point at the eastern edge of the Blumberg (N 53/V 96) settlement. Four wires led from the line to the quarters of the soldiers. Near the quarters were seen four wooden masts, about 2 meters high and interconnected by telephone wires, apparently erected for training purposes. A beaten track was noticed under the trunk line, while no such track was seen under the line branching off near Ahrensfelde. Only a thin trail was noticed under the line branching off between Blumberg and Seefeld. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report refers to open wire telephone lines originating in Berlin from exchange offices in Berlin-Karlshorst, Amt 500, at the former Pionierschule in Karlshorst, and at 32 Chemnitzer Strasse. The previous assumption that these lines continue across the Oder River toward the east has been proved erroneous with regard to the northern line. See [REDACTED] The northern line branches out at several points, and at Werneuchen consists only of four wires. The purpose of the southern line cannot be determined since its route has been traced only as far as Tasdorf. It is particularly noteworthy that the northern line was heavily guarded at three control points.